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In re Application of:

Takashi Saida et al.

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For: OPTICAL SIGNAL PROCESSING DEVICE  
USING OPTICAL GATE

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FIRST RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office action dated December 19, 2002 in the patent application identified above, please reconsider that application in view of the appended remarks.

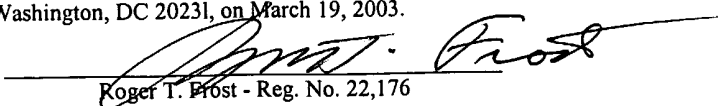
A certified copy of Japanese Application No. P2000-064364 is submitted to support the claim for foreign priority.

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